

picture of the Khan Sahib that appeared in the Hindu of 20th January 1939 as well as in the Madras Mail is still fresh in my memory. Besides being the richest landlord in Cochin State, the late Khan Sahib was taking an immense interest in politics and civics as well. Though his physical body is beneath our mother earth, the charities of the Khan Sahib, I mean the late Khan Sahib, are so immense that his name will ever be perpetuated in the History of Cochin State. While associating myself with the sentiments expressed by the Hon'ble Members of this House including the Hon'ble Minister for Food and Education, I pray to the Almighty for a peaceful rest of his soul.

Mr. President : Before I put this motion, I should like to associate myself and the official Members of this House with the sentiments that have been expressed on the sad demise of Khan Sahib Ismail Hajee Essa Sait. The State has lost one of its foremost citizens who was for a time a Member of this House, and we rightly take this opportunity to express our condolences in sympathy with his death. I will now ask the Hon'ble Members to pass the motion standing.

Motion was passed all the Members standing as a mark of respect to the deceased

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (Minister for Food and Education): I would request the Chair that the resolution may be conveyed to the members of his bereaved family.

Mr. President : Yes, it will be done.

9. DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS

(1) Rs. 6,753 under "39. Labour"

***Mr. P. Govinda Menon (Minister for Food and Education):** Mr. President, Sir, I move for a small grant of Rs. 6,753 for the growing demands of the Labour Department. The note supplied to the Hon'ble Members explains why the amount is required. Now the Labour Department is working a very novel institution called the "Labour Exchange". The Labour Exchange, as Hon'ble Members know, has been registering applications from ex-military personnel, canvassing jobs for the persons who have registered their names there and are doing some touring work also. The work has become so great that the situation of the office in Trichur alone has caused so great a complaint from persons residing in other parts of the State that it has become necessary for the Manager of the Labour Exchange Office to have camps elsewhere in Ernakulam at least for a few days in the month. For that purpose, additional hands also have become necessary and before Government appoint either an Assistant Manager or additional clerks, it is Government's duty to come before this House and ask for a supplementary grant. I move that the House may be pleased to vote for this grant for the purposes put forth in the paper placed before the Hon'ble House.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (Chittur-Tattamangalam) : Sir, I oppose this motion.

CUT MOTION

Mr. President : There are cut motions under this demand.

Mr. P. K. Dewar (Nominated) : Sir, I do not move the cut motion standing in my name.

1. To point out that the whole establishment is unnecessary

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri) : Mr. President, I move that the supplementary demand for Rs. 6,753 under "39-Labour" be reduced by Rs. 1,000 to point out to Government that the whole establishment is not necessary. I had along with my notice of the cut motion requested, Sir, that some pieces of information may be given. If that is available, I would like to have them.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (Minister for Food and Education) : What is the information?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri) : The items of information, Sir, are (1) When was the office created, (2) the number of applications registered thus far, (3) the present establishment and (4) the number of days on which the Manager now functioning was on tour, and of these touring days for how many days was he in Ernakulam.

**Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.*

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (Minister for Food and Education): I shall be happy to supply the information; but I am surprised that the Hon'ble Member thought that the expenditure was too great without this information in his possession.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): Let the surprise, Sir, be there; let me have the information for which I shall thank the Hon'ble mover.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (Minister for Food and Education): The Employment Exchange was first opened in Trichur in March 1945 in the Office of the Inspector of Factories and Boilers. The present establishment is a Manager on Rs. 150—200, 2 clerks on Rs. 40—60, 2 clerks on Rs. 25—40 and two peons on Rs. 12 each. The total number of candidates so far registered in the Exchange is 4169. The number of applications registered in February 1946 is 283, March 299, April 228, May 314, June 525, July 595, August 637, September 485, October 545. The Manager was in camp at Ernakulam for 5 days in Vrishchigam 1121. No camp in Dhanu, 2 days in Makaram. No camp in Kumbham and Meenam, 1 day in Medam, 3 days in Edavam, 3 days in Mithunam, 1 day in Karkadagam 1121, 2 days in Chingam 1122 and 1 day in Kanni 1122. I have not got information about Thulam.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): In spite of the fact that the Hon'ble Minister who has come before this House for the supplementary grant of a small amount of rupees six thousand and odd and the surprise that he is feeling on my having tabled this cut.....

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (Minister for Food and Education): The surprise is that you tabled this cut without this information.

***Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri):** Mr. President, In spite of that surprise, Sir, I wish to place before the House, the absolute want of necessity for this additional expenditure, not the whole of it, but only a portion of it. When I state that the purpose of the cut is to point out to Government that the whole establishment is not necessary, it means that part of it, even according to me, is necessary. The item of expenditure which I characterise, Sir, as unnecessary is that to be incurred upon the appointment of the Assistant Manager on Rs. 80—100 a month. Now with the statistics so kindly supplied by the Hon'ble Minister the House is in a position to see that the number of applications registered month after month is not anything much. It is clear, Sir, that the work can will be coped with by a single Manager, the energetic manager that Mr. Devassy the present incumbent is, helped by the present contingent of establishment increased if necessary by the absolutely necessary number of clerks.

I fail to see, Sir, the relevancy of the argument contained in the note that as far as the applicant for registration from amongst ex-servicemen hailing from these parts—the southern taluks of the State—are concerned they find it difficult to travel the really small distance from these southern parts to the central part of Cochin, viz., Trichur, where the office is at present situated. That argument is something which created in my mind a greater surprise than the surprise that was engendered in the Hon'ble mover of the supplementary grant. Now, Sir, with the railway facilities and other modes of transport now in existence a man who wants in addition to the emoluments that he has been enjoying in various shapes during the days of war—even conceding for the purpose of this discussion that it is the duty of the Government to find employment for these ex-servicemen,—I have my own doubts on it—it is easy to reach the seat of the Employment Exchange, Trichur and reach back his home in the evening itself. To appoint an additional hand—an assistant manager—at a cost of Rs. 80—100—its average per mensem—to cater to the convenience of these men from the South is something which a Government as constituted today, which though not completely responsible, which is in practice and in effect responsible, for such a Government to ask for this amount of expenditure is something which really creates surprise in my mind.

Now the points of information that I was anxious to get from the other side were for this purpose. Here is a Manager who ever since the date of his employment exclusive of last month had been touring and on certain days camping even in Ernakulam. If really the complaint from the southern taluks is something which has to be redressed, which I believe is not anything serious, but even conceding that they have to be redressed it is easily managed by the manager touring and camping for certain fixed number of days at Ernakulam after notifying before-hand that the office and Manager will be in camp at Ernakulam and even those persons who do not like the idea of spending a few annas for running up to Trichur may have their applications registered here.

*Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.

Now if really the work in the office because of the innumerable number of applications to be registered is increasing especially the clerical side of the establishment that portion may have to be increased. That can be done now for this registration purpose, with the information supplied, which of course is contained in the budget book. If this whole demand is sanctioned, the position will be that this temporary Department which is to look after this work mentioned will have a manager on Rs. 150—200, an Assistant Manager on Rs. 80—100, newly proposed, one clerk on Rs. 60—80, 3 clerks on Rs. 40—60 each, 4 clerks on Rs. 25—40, etc. etc. My objection, as I stated earlier, is that if the staff is strengthened by the addition of a few more clerks not necessarily one on Rs. 60—80, I do not find the reason and the necessity of having such a highly paid clerk to be the Head Clerk of that office. From two clerks it may well be increased to four. According to me 3 clerks will suffice. With this strength of the office and the Manager notifying the days on which he is camping at Ernakulam, the whole thing can be managed satisfactorily. That is the reason why I have stated in the cut motion that the whole amount is not necessary and my objection is for the appointment of an Assistant Manager on the highest pay in this list. Now, Sir, What is the work allotted for—this unnecessary hand to be employed—this Assistant Manager? He or his superior—the Manager the more paid man—will have to camp here for 15 days in the month. Is it the case of the Government, Sir, that there is necessity for one or the other of these Officers to camp here like that?

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Minister for Revenue*): That is the case.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): I ask is it the case of the Government that to redress the so called grievance of the southerners, an Officer on Rs. 80—100 is to be camping here in this unhealthy place for 15 days; and what is the work for him for the remaining 15 days? The note says canvass jobs, from employers, very laudable indeed! I seriously ask, Sir, again, what is the number of jobs thus far canvassed and got? I know some correspondence that passed from various persons who have registered their applications many months ago and the written replies that you have given—"appear before the Staff Selection Board, to go to that side, to go to this side." But never has a case come to my notice where the Officer or the clerk concerned of the Employment Exchange has sent a reply "Look here Mr. A. I have found out a job for you. You will report yourself for duty". It is very rare. That office goes on as many other offices, and as in very many other offices that office is attempted to be augmented. To my mind, Sir, that is a thing which I believe is not proper for the Government of the day as distinguished from the most condemned Officer Government that is replaced by those who are in office to day, a Government which was most vehemently condemned as Officer-Government playing ducks and drakes, spending money like anything, when the amount goes to the treasury of the Government from the sweat of the Agriculturist—that was the cry; and when they are in office, Sir, I have every justification to be surprised that they also have fallen into the groove of the much condemned Officer Government and imitating them and asking for a supplementary grant and that on the very first day of this laudable sight for which I was praying, which I was prophesying would be an accomplished fact within weeks or months. When I had that sight, the beauty of it, I am sorry to say, Sir, is that the first Minister has been responsible for asking for this supplementary grant, though it be for a small amount of Rs. 6,000 and odd. I submit, Sir, that wisdom will prevail and the motion will be withdrawn, not in its toto, but deleting the expenditure that is asked for, for paying the Assistant Manager. If necessary, have all the rest. Let some poor man get it. According to me, the whole of the other establishments is also unnecessary. Now, Sir, my case is placed before the House. It is for the House to decide; and if the merits of the case are not going to be looked into, as I am afraid it will not be, well, my motion will be lost; I have placed my case before the House. I feel that I have a strong case. I know the fate that it is going to have. I hope that wisdom may dawn upon my friends sitting there which sight I am glad to see and I want to enjoy; and I hope that they will rectify the mistake that they have committed. That is the prayer that I have to make especially to the Hon'ble leader of the House, the mover of the supplementary demand.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Tattamangalam*): I second this motion. My friend the mover of the cut motion only referred to one or two points. According to him the Ministers also were taking lessons from the Food Department [by proposing increments to the staff. The more the increase in the staff, the worse the department has been worked—compare the Food Department. This proposal was because of the rush of candidates at the Employment Exchange. What were they doing till now? I had been many a time to Trichur and I had occasion to see what they were doing. At first they were sitting quiet. They had no work. When I had been

to Trichur last, I found some persons waiting there to register their names. I do not think that any more staff is necessary.

Then another point was raised that there were representations that ex-service personnel from the southern taluks are put to great difficulties. Why the southern taluks alone? Because the southern taluks can reach Trichur by spending Rs. 2 and come back. But take the case of Chittur, please. They have to spend Rs. 3 to go to Trichur and come back to register their names. I want to bring to the notice of the House that the method followed by the official Government had been very strictly followed by the non-official Government. The southern Taluks must have everything and the quiet going gentlemen should have nothing. That is the position. What harm is there if he camps at Chittur for a day or two? It has been stated here that he will come and stay at Ernakulam. I want simply to point out the spirit of the wording which has been prevalent in all matters concerning Chittur.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Minister for Food and Education*): He will come to Chittur also.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Tattamangalam*): Since the Minister now says that he will also have an idea for the good of Chittur, I do not want to say anything further. I support the cut motion.

***Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon** (*Cheruthuruthi*): Mr. President, Sir, when one of the then members of our party now belonging to the Socialist Party moved a motion during the Budget Session of 1120 to impress upon the Government regarding the failure to accord educational facilities to the young children of military men, the Hon'ble Leader of the Praja Mandal Party then opposed it on the ground that the children are not entitled to any facility whatsoever on the ground that their fathers had been serving the Imperialistic Government for an imperialistic purpose. But today it is very happy to find that the times have so changed that the same leader now in the garb of the Hon'ble Minister for Labour and Education is prepared to mete out humanitarian justice, for want of a better word I use that, in the matter of securing employment for those very persons whom then he could not find his way to oblige. Now, Sir, if the point of the Hon'ble Minister is to facilitate the reception of applications of the southern people of the State, I submit that it is not necessary to have a duplication of the office by having an Assistant Manager and also some staff at Ernakulam. I wonder how long this is going to remain. Its activities are practically confined to ex-military men and before long a time will come when you will have to liquidate the office. Then why go in this duplication of office now? As Mr. Ezhuthassan put it, why not insist upon the Labour Manager to move more and more and go about not only to the southern parts but also to other places to redress the grievances of even my friend the Hon'ble member for Chittur. I, therefore, support the cut motion of Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.

***Mr. P. Govinda Menon** (*Minister for Food and Education*): I have not had the pleasure of listening to a more confused debate than was made today by the three Hon'ble Members who spoke against my motion.

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon (*Cheruthuruthi*): That is none of our mistake.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Minister for Food and Education*): The Hon'ble Member for Vadakkancheri who moved the cut motion said that additional clerks were necessary in the Office of the Labour Exchange but his objection was only to an Assistant Manager being appointed on a grade of Rs. 80—100. Now, the point is this. A lot of camping work has to be done if the work assigned to the Office of the Labour Exchange has to be done properly. The work is not simply registering applications. The office has got a large number of duties to attend to. Hon'ble Members know how difficult it is to find a job for one man. Here there is an office which has got the duty of finding jobs for several thousands of people. What a complicated work it is! Here, the report shows that by this time about 653 persons have been employed on account of the good offices of the Labour Exchange. Now the Manager of the Labour Exchange Office has to do work in camp and the work of the Labour Exchange is so difficult, so technical and so specialised in character that the work cannot be carried on unless either a Manager or an Assistant Manager is there. That is why assuming that the Manager has to go on tour to do work in camp, then there ought to be an Assistant Manager there. Assuming that the Assistant Manager is then on touring work, the Manager ought to be there. Therefore it is absolutely necessary, once you concede that the Manager or the Assistant Manager should do work in camp, that there should be an Assistant Manager and the Hon'ble Member from Vadakkancheri.....

***Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.**

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): It has not been conceded by me.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (Minister for Food and Education): And the Hon'ble Member from Vadakkancheri conceded the necessity underlying the demand when he said that he will agree to additional hands being employed, his objection being only for an Assistant Manager being appointed. In other words, it comes to this. When Government after having examined the question minutely came to the conclusion that an amount of Rs. 6,500 is necessary for expanding the activities of the office, the Hon'ble Member from Vadakkancheri without having sufficient information in his possession comes to the conclusion that only 5,000 rupees is required and not Rs. 6,000. That is the position. In these matters of detail, I can understand objections on principle. In these matters of detail it is much better that the matter is left to the Government. In matters of detail that is what I say. If the question is that the office has to be expanded and the dispute is whether the amount should be Rs. 5,000 or Rs. 6,000 it is then that I have to make this submission, not on other occasions. And I must express my regret to the Hon'ble Member from Chittur for not having mentioned Chittur also in this note.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (Chittur-Tattamangalam): They have mentioned Ernakulam.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (Minister for Food and Education): Not only Chittur but very many other places ought to have been mentioned there. Ernakulam was representative of the places where the Office was situated. It was not an intentional omission, and that being so, I hope that the Hon'ble Member from Chittur will withdraw his seconding to the cut motion moved by the Hon'ble Member from Vadakkancheri.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): I shall only be too glad.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (Minister for Food and Education): My friend Mr. Balakrishna Menon reminded me of my past and I am not ashamed of it. Now, the question before the House is not whether the Labour Exchange should continue or not. Hon'ble Members of this House, if they think that there is no necessity for the activities of the Labour Exchange, will be justified in making that statement. The question now for decision is whether having a Labour Exchange working in Cochin State we should do it properly or not. I am not now on the question whether we should have a Labour Exchange Office in Cochin or whether its activities are legitimate or not. That is not the question. Here there is an office like that which is carrying out certain functions. We are spending a lot of money for that purpose. Should we spend it properly, and when we have to spend it properly if the activities of the office have to be carried out properly, then is this supplementary grant also necessary? I hope my Hon'ble friend from Cheruthuruthi will recognise that, and will not I did not mean and if it was taken that I meant that, I did not mean, that there is confusion in him, I only meant that his intervention caused confusion probably deliberately. So the raising of that question is, I don't say 'intended', only calculated to add confusion. That being so, I would request this House to allow this grant.

One more thing. It was stated that as the Ministers are in office the Officers are not required. If that is the conception which the Hon'ble Member has.....

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon (Cheruthuruthi): That is the result of confusion.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (Minister for Food and Education): I do not refer to the Hon'ble Member for Cheruthuruthi. It is most relevant because more than one member has referred to it, that because Ministers are in office can we get on without Officers. Officers must be there to execute the orders of Government. What the Ministers lay down? As and when the activities of Government expand, more and more Officers would be required. This Government, whether fully representative or partially representative or not, cannot achieve the magic of governing the country without the Officers.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): Whoever said that? Confusion worst confounded now.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (Irinjalakkuda): Nobody said that.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (Minister for Food and Education): Somebody said it.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (Irinjalakkuda): Only about the increase in the number of Officers.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (Minister for Food and Education): That is what I said. If the existing number of Officers is not sufficient and the Government come to the conclusion that

more Officers are necessary and because there are Ministers more Officers ought not to be appointed, then on principle, we must carry it out without Officers. I think I am correct. If there are 10 Officers and if Government come to the conclusion that 15 Officers are required and if you say that because there are Ministers, 5 more Officers ought not to be appointed, then it comes to this, that you say we carry on without Officers.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): Wonderful logic!

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (Chittur-Tattamangalam): Because there are Ministers here who have already said that the staff is not necessary.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (Minister for Food and Education): Now that the activities of the Department are expanding—they are expanding everyday—and if I want to retain that Department to carry on its legitimate duties, these officers would be required. And to say that because a Minister is carrying on the Administration therefore, Officers ought not to be appointed, is not logical.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): Nobody said that, Sir. I refute that statement.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (Minister for Food and Education): Somebody said that. I heard it.

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon (Cheruthuruthi): That is an improvement. (Laughter)

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (Minister for Food and Education): If nobody said that, it is alright. Then let the grant be passed. Therefore, finally, I hope that wisdom will prevail and the cut motion will be withdrawn.

***Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri):** I must confess Sir, that wisdom has not dawned, and that for the reason that nothing for the dawning of the wisdom had been thrown out from the other side. Though my Hon'ble friend the Minister has been pleased to say that there was a confused debate upon this cut motion as I asserted and interjected while my Hon'ble friend was on his legs, it was a case of confusion worst confounded when the reply was being trotted out by the Hon'ble Minister. It has been stated by the Hon'ble Minister to leave the details to the Government. Is it a proposition that this House can accede to? Now, Sir, that proposition of the Hon'ble Minister that details must be left to the Government whether it is Ministerial or officer run, is a proposition which I am sure no sane member in any Legislature will accede to. This House whose standard and stature have been recognised by competent authority; and I am sure that this House will not accept that proposition though that emanated from the mover and the Leader of the Prajamandal Party to boot. When I conceded that there may be necessity for the increase of the establishment of clerks, not all that has been asked for, I was particularly stressing not on all the number but only on a part of it. My Hon'ble friend the Minister has been pleased to say that I was conceding the grant. Is it logic? Is it unconfused thinking? Is it the reply to the proposition that I placed before the House.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (Minister for Food and Education): You conceded most of it. That is, at any rate, an improvement.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): Now Sir, another thing was this; the work of the office is expanding. Where is the expansion? It is for that purpose that I asked for details. I find from the statistics that the peak of registration, 700 and odd, was reached months ago. Demobilisation was started long ago. It is going on, and applications are coming as of old. My Hon'ble friend the Minister has not pointed out to this House that in these latter months there has been an increase of applications from the figures of earlier months. On the other hand, I find that his own figures show that the peak was reached earlier. Now, as matters stand as you have demand. Therefore, the suggestion of my Hon'ble friend that as a result of wisdom dawning here, quoting my own words, I must say, if the House will be charitable enough, if the House will be sensible enough to register its vote upon the merits of the case for the demand and the merits of the cut motion and if the voting is upon that I know that it will be a hollow defeat for the Minister or if it were a success for him I am here to voice forth the feelings of the tax-payer who says that no pie of his payment shall be utilised for purposes unwarranted not necessary, especially when it is through its own representative or a few of them, at any rate, who

*Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.

go to run the Administration of to-day. That is the question. So, on this vital question of all questions is the House going to allow this demand? When I said that 1,000 rupees may be reduced, my Hon'ble friend has taken it to mean literally. That is not it. When I said that the unnecessary part of the demand asked for consists in the appointment of the Assistant Manager I mean and it must be taken to mean not Rs. 1,000—even pay will mean something less or more than Rs. 1,000. Therefore don't quibble upon such things. My Hon'ble friend knows it well, I know. My position is only this. I have stated the case before the House and if it is the wish of the House that it should be pressed I have absolutely no objection to press it. If, on the other hand, it is the wish of the House that I should not press it after informing the Government.....

Mr. Puthur Achutha Menon (Kattur): How can they say that? We must vote for that.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (Minister for Food and Education): We must first of all put to vote as to what the wish of the House is.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): Anyhow, I have stated the case of the tax payer. I leave it at that. If you will allow me to withdraw I will withdraw. If it is your wish that it is to be put to vote I am game for that too.

Mr. President: Do I understand the Hon'ble Member to withdraw his motion?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): It means so, Sir. (Laughter)

Motion, by leave, withdrawn

Demand put and carried

The House rose for lunch at 1-30 p.m. and reassembled at 2-30 p.m. with the Hon'ble

Diwan President in the Chair

(2) "26-A-2-Rural Sanitation—Prevention of Epidemics"

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar (Minister for Public Health): Sir, I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 20,650 under "26-A-2-Rural Sanitation—Prevention of Epidemics". There is a provision of 20,000 rupees in the Public Health Budget of 1122 under "Prevention of Epidemics" out of which a sum of about Rs. 13,113 has been spent till now. The major portion of the expenditure was on account of the large amount of contribution of Rs. 5,000 and odd to the Mattancheri Municipality towards expenditure incurred in connection with the small pox epidemic in 1119 and towards the cost of medicines urgently ordered for, on the out break of plague in Mattancheri and Ernakulam. There is only a balance of Rs. 6,887 under this head. To meet the anticipated expenditure for plague preventive measures and other routine activities of the Department during the rest of the year a sum of Rs. 27,535 is necessary. Hence an additional allotment of Rs. 20,650 is absolutely necessary under "26-A-2-Rural Sanitation—Prevention of Epidemics". I request this House to sanction the grant.

Demand put and carried

(3) "26-A-2-Rural Sanitation—Anti-Malarial Operations"

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar (Minister for Public Health): I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 6,000 under "26-A-2-Rural Sanitation—Anti-Malarial Operations".

Malaria is reported to be prevalent in Vadakkancheri. On a survey conducted in Vadakkancheri and the neighbouring places it was found that the prevalence of Malaria is mostly due to the existence of a large number of burrow pits on the railway line and on the sides of the State Public Works Department Roads, which afforded good breeding places for mosquito larvae. Arrangements have been made with the South Indian Railway to fill up the burrow pits in the railway lines. Those in the Public Works Department Roads also have to be filled up. The cost of the work is estimated at Rs. 6,000. There is no specific provision in the Public Health Budget for the expenditure. It is also not possible to anticipate savings to the extent of this amount. I request that this amount may be sanctioned.

CUT MOTION

To urge Government to carry on the war against Malaria in a militant way

***Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri):** I move, Sir, to reduce the allotment of Rs. 6,000 under "26-A-2-Rural Sanitation—Anti-Malarial Operations" by Re. 1, to urge on the

**Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.*